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Report Highlights:

The monsoon has continued to weaken, reducing crop prospects in parts of western and central India.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
New Delhi [IN1], IN

Dry conditions prevailed over most of India during the week ending August 29 with only 15 of the 35 weather subdivisions (mostly in eastern and southwestern India) receiving normal rains. Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal and northeastern states had good rains after a hiatus of several weeks, benefitting the rice crop. Dry conditions, however, continued in the soybean belt of Madhya Pradesh for the fifth consecutive week. This area, and the peanut belt of Gujarat, will need rain soon in order to ensure healthy pod development. Inadequate precipitation in interior Karnataka has already reduced prospects for cotton, peanut, sunflower and coarse grains there.

Cumulative rains during the first three months of the four-month monsoon season have been normal to above normal in 27 of the 35 weather zones, compared with 29 a year ago. Major deficit zones are North Interior Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka, Raylaseema, Tamil Nadu and most northeastern states.

The following tables show actual and normal rainfall for the week ending August 29, cumulative rainfall, and the relative share (area) of major monsoon season crops by weather subdivision.

Weather	August 29,2001		Deviation	June 1 - August 29		Deviation
Zone #	Actual	Normal	%	Actual	Normal	%
1	56	91	-38	850	1160	-27
2	136	107	27	1111	1638	-32
3	91	94	-3	1148	1494	-23
4	85	65	31	1033	1052	-2
5	202	104	94	1255	1586	-21
6	65	62	5	800	844	-5
7	63	75	-16	1285	913	41
8	63	62	2	909	834	9
9	101	62	63	716	767	-7
10	50	59	-15	730	690	6
11	16	53	-70	572	598	-4
12	47	84	-44	997	1047	-5
13	5	33	-85	466	396	18
14	13	31	-58	487	394	24
15	29	57	-49	725	749	-3
16	22	25	-12	431	376	15
17	0	27	-100	244	226	8
18	1	50	-98	508	501	1
19	10	66	-85	672	726	-7
20	58	76	-24	994	912	9
21	14	60	-77	931	860	8
22	11	28	-61	481	452	6
23	69	125	-45	2020	2422	-17
24	16	35	-54	533	580	-8
25	17	43	-60	539	525	3
26	33	58	-43	844	759	11
27	20	40	-50	392	429	-9
28	27	46	-41	547	577	-5
29	24	24	0	177	236	-25
30	16	25	-36	160	214	-25
31	110	126	-13	2777	2825	-2
32	12	25	-52	218	324	-33
33	29	31	-6	443	559	-21
34	74	77	-4	1639	1885	-13
35	42	40	5	623	771	-19

Excess rains (>20% of normal)				
Normal rains (+19% to -19% of normal)				
Deficient rains (-20% to -59% of normal)				
Little or no rains (<60% of normal)				

WZ#	Name of Weather Zone	Rice	Peanut	Corn	Sorghum	Millet	Cotton
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam & Meghalaya	6	0	1	0	0	0
4	Nagaland & Manipur	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	Sub Himalayan West Bengal	3	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gangetic West Bengal	10	0	0	0	0	0
7	Orissa	11	2	3	0	0	0
8	Bihar Plateau	2	0	2	0	0	0
9	Bihar Plain	11	0	10	0	0	0
10	East Uttar Pradesh	9	3	10	5	2	0
11	West Uttar Pradesh	5	2	10	1	5	0
12	Hills of West Uttar Pradesh	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi	1	0	1	1	7	7
14	Punjab	4	1	4	0	0	9
15	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	5	0	0	0
16	Jammu & Kashmir	1	0	5	0	0	0
17	West Rajasthan	0	0	1	0	19	7
18	East Rajasthan	0	2	14	10	29	0
19	West Madhya Pradesh	2	4	10	17	1	7
20	East Madhya Pradesh	10	0	5	5	0	0
21	Gujarat Region	1	3	6	2	7	13
22	Saurashtra & Kutch	0	29	0	3	6	3
23	Konkan & Goa	1	0	0	0	0	0
24	Madhya Maharashtra	1	7	2	21	16	0
25	Marathwada	0	1	0	8	0	10
26	Vidarbha	2	2	0	3	0	26
27	Coastal Andhra Pradesh	5	2	0	1	1	6
28	Telangana	2	2	5	6	1	2
29	Raylaseema	1	15	0	2	1	2
30	Tamil Nadu	6	13	1	7	2	4
31	Coastal Karnataka	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	North Interior Karnataka	1	8	3	7	4	4
33	South Interior Karnataka	1	3	1	1	0	3
34	Kerala	2	0	0	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0